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Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

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NOVEMBER, 2010

PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW
SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL

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TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL

Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the clubs meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
PRAISE GOD FOR OUR BOUNTIFUL GIFTS IN THIS
LAND OF PLENTY, AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO
ARE LESS FORTUNATE!

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2011
Hannibal, MO ARC 2011 Exam Dates

October 13th, 2010

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2010 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, at 7:30 PM

Attention!! HARC members: Regular Meetings:
Are now located at the following location
starting on May 12th, 2010. This new location is
just south across the road from the old
location, and slightly uphill from Beth Haven
Nursing Home.

This is still a non smoking building.

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HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES of OCTOBER MEETING



By Fred Miller, KBØWIL

Date: October 13th, 2010

Location: Beth Haven Pleasant View 641 Euclid Ave. Hannibal Mo.63401

Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion to approve: Don-KCØRML Seconded by: Don-KDØHHN

Treasurers report: Tony-WØPGL



Cash-\$818.45 CD-\$1,290.00 Total-\$2,108.45
Motion to approve: Ed-WA6JMR Seconded
by: John-KC9MMO

Repeater report: Fred-KBØWIL

The repeaters are working and sounding great, no problems.



ARRL Membership: If you're a member of the ARRL, and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred-KBØWIL. Thank you to the members who have renewed through the club already. If you're not a ARRL member, please consider joining, we need the ARRL to make sure we don't lose any of the amateur radio spectrum.

Earthquake Drill 2011: Howie-KØDFW met with Art Goodall-WØKG regarding the New Madrid Earthquake Drill, that is going to take place on May 16th, 2011 through May 20th, 2011. They will be operating on the frequency of 3.963 (80) meters. Howie discussed with Art, what the HARC members can do to participate during this emergency drill. Howie will keep us informed in the up-coming months, with more information.

VE-Testing: We had two amateurs take upgrade exams tonight. The examiners were as follows: Larry Lauer-WB2UFO, Ed Turner-NØWNV, and Fred Miller-KBØWIL.

New HARC member: John Benning-KDØKUB, joined our club tonight. Thanks for joining our great club, glad to have you.

Presentation at our November 10th, 2010 meeting: Don-KCØRML is going to give a presentation on his trip down to South America.

December 8th, 2010 meeting: We decided to have our little carry in of snacks, as usual. Everyone is to bring some sort of snack: cheese, chips, cakes, cookies, soda, etc. Whatever you would like to bring is fine.

HARC Supper/Get together
Saturday February 5th, 2011

We will be going to Fiddlesticks Restaurant next year for the clubs annual supper. Start time 6:00PM. Luan-KC9PGS is in charge of reserving the room. Everyone is responsible, for their own meal purchase.

50/50: Won by Ed-WA6JMR.Congratulations.

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Club Dues: Don't forget that the HARC annual dues will be coming due, please pay your dues on time. The fee is \$20.00 per member, and \$5.00 for each additional family member. Thank you in advance. You can pay at our club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O.Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Tony-WØPGL will be glad to take your money.

Thank You again to Luan-KC9PGS for bringing the great treats again tonight. She is a most excellent cook, everything she brings is always delicious. Maybe we should keep her, as a lifetime V.P.?

Number of members present: 17

Number of guests: 2

Total attending: 19

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
NOVEMBER 2010
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**



Around the World

**DX Horizons
November 2010
by Mike Nowack NA9Q**



DX Notes

by na9q
& News...

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST OF VOLUNTEER OPERATORS NOVEMBER 2010

1	KDØHHN	DON
8	WØPGL	TONY
15	N9UPG	BILL
22	KB9VIS	BRIAN
29	WØAJD	JD

THANKS TO ALL!

ANOTHER STORY OF OUR FELLOW HAM

ED SHANNON – WA6JMR



This is little history on how Ed became a 'HAM'. During the early 70's, Ed's brother Ray became interested in becoming an Amateur Radio operator, and he began studying for his license.

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Ray received his license in 1972, and after a while received the call 'WA6JMR'. Ed was around, and helped put up antennas, but was not interested in becoming a 'HAM' at that time. He was a over the road truck driver for 47 years. He lived in California for 65 years, and Ed and Patty returned to Hannibal in 2003. Larry Shannon, Ed's nephew, and son of Ray, came back to Hannibal, and had set his mind that he was going to pass the test for his ham license, and get the old call (WA6JMR) of his father's, who had passed away in 1989. Larry studied hard, and achieved what he had set out to do, and was so happy to have his Dad's call (WA6JMR). Larry became a member of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, and brought his 'Uncle Ed' with him several times as a visitor. Shortly thereafter, Larry found out he was seriously ill, and made Ed promise to take his 'HAM' test and apply for the call of WA6JMR, to keep it in the family. Larry passed away in 2008. Ed studied hard, and passed his test, and got his tech license within a year of Larry's death. With the help of Shelly, Larry's wife, he applied for WA6JMR, and was lucky enough to get it. So, the call passed from Father, to son, to brother throughout the years. Ed is enjoying his radio, and is glad that he made the effort to get his license, and feels that he has fulfilled the promise that he made to his nephew, Larry. Ed is a current member of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, and is out there on the air most of the time, so give him a call (WA6JMR) anytime, and he will be glad to talk with you.

WHY IS AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR CALLED A 'HAM' ???

The reason why an amateur radio operator is called a 'ham' is not known. Some relate these three letters (**HAM**) to the names of three great radio experimenters. They are- **Hertz (who practically demonstrated the existence of electromagnetic waves in 1888), Armstrong (who developed a resonant oscillator circuit for radio frequency work) and Marconi (the 1909 Nobel laureate in Physics, who in the year 1901 established the first transatlantic radio contact).**

Some people believe that when the young and inexperienced radio enthusiasts began to venture on air with crude spark transmitters based on vehicle ignition coils, their Morse code transmission must have been pretty poor and **professionals dismissed them as 'ham fisted'!**

While others have their own version; according to them during the earlier days of radio communication, government stepped in to conquer short-waves and allowed the radio amateurs to operate only on **certain frequencies**; thus the **frequencies of amateur radio stations were sandwiched like a 'ham sandwich'** and so amateur radio operator came to be called a 'ham'.

Another speculation is that the word "HAM" stands for "**Help All Mankind**" as reflected in its service towards people in distress during natural calamities, disasters and civil emergencies!

"Ham: a poor operator. A 'plug'."

That's the definition of the word given in **G. M. Dodge's The Telegraph Instructor** even before **radio**. The definition has never changed in wire telegraphy. The first wireless operators were landline telegraphers who left their offices to go to sea or to man the coastal stations. They brought with them their language and much of the tradition of their older profession. In those early days, spark was king and every station occupied the same wavelength--or, more accurately perhaps, every station occupied the whole spectrum with its broad spark signal. Government stations, ships, coastal stations and the increasingly numerous amateur operators all competed for time and signal supremacy in each other's receivers. Many of the amateur stations were very powerful. Two amateurs, working across town, could effectively jam all the other operators in the area. When this happened, frustrated commercial operators would call the ship whose weaker signals had been blotted out by the amateurs and say "SRI OM THOSE #&\$!@ HAMS ARE JAMMING YOU." Amateurs, possibly unfamiliar with the real meaning of the term, picked it up and applied it to themselves in true "Yankee Doodle" fashion and wore it with pride. As the years advanced, the original meaning has completely disappeared.

There is a continuing debate on what the activities carried out by radio amateurs should be called. **Some radio amateurs complain that the terms 'ham radio' is derogatory, and some even object to being called 'amateurs' on the ground that this may be taken to imply 'amateurish',** but in fact nowadays amateur radio communication system is of more than the professional standard. Today, with most traffic sent by machine telegraphy or data communication, it is observed that there are fewer professional stations availing these facilities and Morse code heard on the amateur radio bands

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Source:

1. *Wireless-Glimpses of Yesteryears* (ZERO BEAT published by the Society for the Promotion of Amateur Radio, P.O. Box-2437, Kannathanam Chambers, Cochin-682016 August, 1985)-by S. Ramamoorthy, VU2SRJ, formerly Director of Visvesvariah Museum.
2. ARRL Homepage



LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS):

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
A will is a dead giveaway.
Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
A backward poet writes inverse.
A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

MORE NEXT MONTH ☺





*Of all the gifts you could give
A US Soldier, Prayer is the very best one.*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!**



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